

Truck kills woman crossing expressway in Onitsha

A middle-aged woman was yesterday, crushed by a truck while trying to cross the highway along Onitsha-Awka expressway in Anambra State.

It was gathered that the driver lost control of the truck while trying to avoid pedestrians crossing the highway.

Confirming the death, Anambra State Sector Commander of the Federal Road Safety Corps, FRSC, Mr Andrew Kumapayi, in Awka, said the accident occurred at about 9.46 a.m.

He said: "The road traffic accident involved a green coloured DAF truck with number plate USL860ZC.

"The driver of the truck lost control of the vehicle while trying to avoid pedestrians crossing the expressway, but unfortunately ran over a middle-aged woman, who eventually lost her life.

"The corpse was deposited at Toronto Hospital, Onitsha, while the vehicle was handed over to the Police at Okpoko Police Station, for further investigation."

The sector commander condoled with the family of the deceased and warned drivers to shun every form of dangerous driving while tolerating other road users.

He also advised those crossing highways to always make use of the pedestrian bridges where available.